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In 2012 a total of eighty two Community Badminton Networks (CBN'S) were set up, with aims to link up badminton locally, research baseline data, set up new activities and promote the sport. The pilot was in North Tyne; it was a true success, not least as a local senior school had developed a new sports centre with eight courts. Badminton grew quickly and has continued with the development of a further eleven courts at the new Tyneside Badminton Centre. Players in East Kent can be excused any envy at such facilities. As you may know, many sport clubs here often struggle to find decent venues at sensible prices, a problem which will grow as house building grows.

Nevertheless Canterbury CBN is striving to develop the sport in and around the Canterbury District. This newsletter will seek to keep all those involved locally with an interest in the sport, up to date with what's going on. We aim to produce 3 or 4 newsletters a year.

### COACHING MATTERS

Every Wednesday at 10.00 am Lesley Uphill is running a "No Strings" coached session at King's Recreation Centre. If you know any beginners looking to pick up some extra tips, contact Lesley.

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**A group of fifteen Level 1s and Levels 2s has given their contact details to the CCBN.**

We asked Badminton England to set that up; so, if you know of any group that are after any coaching, contact Giles Seaford.

Likewise who would like to do any coaching locally then please let us know.

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#### **- COACH FORUM -**

Linda Mason is setting up a new coach forum for coaches to come together, support each other and share ideas. If you are a coach and want to feed into the forum then contact Linda via NFRBA website.

### ESSENTIALS COURSES

"Essentials" are coached courses for new players starting out and are Badminton England's suggested entry into the sport. Around the UK it has produced over 3500 new players since it started in 2013. Many go on to join clubs, play in 'No Strings' or hire courts which means more people playing our sport.

If you know of any new players that may benefit from doing a beginners course then **please** direct them to one of the Essentials courses (overleaf).

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### BADMINTON 4 MACMILLAN

Badminton England are teaming up with Macmillan Cancer Support for a week of badminton activity aimed at inspiring people to make a welcome return to a badminton court and hit a shuttle whilst raising vital funds for charity.

Please help if you can and encourage people you know to get involved from Monday 23 - Sunday 29 November at the Bay Sports Arena.

## ***"No Strings"***

No Strings is a recreational drop in session led by a friendly session coordinator. There are a few No Strings sessions running in our area. Each one is generally well supported. For example, Lesley's Wednesday morning at King's Recreation Centre is pretty well full with a mix of novices and the experienced.

Mike Collett, a Smash-Up Activator, says No Strings is an excellent route into clubs, as many people like to enjoy a friendly social game and then progress on. Mike runs the No Strings sessions at the Bay Arena in Herne Bay. Those moving on from Essentials are directed to No Strings, several families play week by week and the King's Road Club has been able to recruit six new members over the last season. Mike is looking at the possibility of starting a Whitstable No String Session. If you are interested in attending then please let Mike know.

In the evenings in Canterbury you won't find a public No Strings session. There is a session at Canterbury Christ Church University but this is just for staff and students. Mike believes there would be interest in an evening session in Canterbury. Let us know what you think!

**If you are on Facebook, please join the conversation at 'Canterbury Community Badminton Network'. It's new! We want everyone to be more aware of what's going on in Badminton in the area. For this we need your help.**

## Dates for the Diary

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| <b>UKCC Level 2 Course</b><br><i>Maidstone</i>                   | Four Saturdays starting<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2016  | To register apply to<br>coaching@badmintonengland.co.uk              | £370.00 for<br>BE members |
| Safeguarding Course<br><i>Tonbridge</i>                          | 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2015<br>6.30 pm   | To book go to<br>www.kentsport.org/connected                         | £36.00 per<br>person      |
| <b>Essentials</b><br><i>Bay Sports Arena, Herne Bay</i>          | Sundays starting<br>10 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 from 10.30 – 12.00   | Karen Monticelli – 01227 366921<br>karen.monticelli@activelife.co.uk | £40.00 -<br>course        |
| <b>Essentials</b><br><i>Kings Recreation Centre</i>              | Fridays starting (to be confirmed)<br>March 2016 at 10.00  | Register with Nick Holden at Kings<br>Rec. 01227 812921              | £40.00 -<br>course        |
| <b>NO Strings</b><br><i>Bay Sports Arena, Herne Bay</i>          | Sundays, currently<br>17.30 to 19.00   | Just turn up   | Play n Pay<br>Rates vary  |
| <b>NO Strings</b><br><i>King's Recreation Centre</i>             | Wednesdays currently<br>10.00 to 12.00   | Just turn up   | Play n Pay<br>Rates vary  |
| <b>Badminton4Macmillan</b><br><i>Bay Sports Arena, Herne Bay</i> | Courts are available all week. From 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>to 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2015  | Karen Monticelli – 01227 366921<br>karen.monticelli@activelife.co.uk | Donations<br>encouraged   |
| WHEELCHAIR Badminton<br><i>King's Recreation Centre</i>          | <b>TASTER EVENING,</b><br>Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 8.00 to 9.30 pm   | Contact Nick Holden at Kings Rec<br>01227 812921                     | £0.00                     |
| SMASH-UP<br><i>King's Recreation Centre</i>                      | <b>TASTER SESSIONS</b><br>Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 5.00 to 6.00pm<br>Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 7.30 to 8.30 pm | Contact Nick Holden at Kings Rec<br>01227 812921                     |                           |

## **MONEY for BADMINTON**

### **- The more you look at getting funds for sports, the more difficulties you may find –**

There is funding for sport, but getting money into your hands is not always easy. Much of it will come from the Lottery via Sport England, but Kent Sport also makes grants for such things as coach education and Sportivate. Filling in forms requires care to illustrate that you have researched your plans and have costed it all in detail. Getting just one minor detail wrong and your application will come back for corrections, thus causing further delays.

We have a very detailed list of funding suppliers with their essential rules. Making an application is often much like writing a business plan; again the CCBN can help. Contact Giles and John for all this. You must remember that if you have started your project before the cash arrives, you'll never see that money. Their view is simply, "... it's running now so you never actually needed money to get it going".

## **OTHER FUNDING NEWS**

### **KENT SPORT SMALL GRANTS FUND**

Still offers grants for:

- Coaching costs
- Facility Hires
- Equipment
- Marketing
- other needs like (some) kit
- Sportivate

**SPORT ENGLAND INSPIRED FACILITIES FUND** (for large venue projects) will be paused on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Any current applications must be filed by then

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL Capital Grants fund** are still available; these are for repair and improvements of venues

**GALAXY 'Hot Chocolate' Fund** was opened on 2nd November. Awards are at £300.00 for any club's sensible use.

### **Current Network contacts**

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